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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1163
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Clarksville Police Officer
David J. Scott.

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee have been fortunate through the years to have been served by those brave and dedicated law enforcement officers who, in their efforts to serve and protect their fellow citizens, daily put their lives on the line in carrying out their duties; and

WHEREAS, Clarksville Police Officer David J. Scott was one such outstanding law enforcement officer, and the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of his tragic and untimely death; and

WHEREAS, this valiant law enforcement officer lost his life in the line of duty in Clarksville on June 7, 2002; his fellow officer, Yamil Baez-Santiago, was also tragically killed in the accident; and

WHEREAS, Officer Scott was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens by

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ensuring their safety; the citizens of Tennessee lost a dedicated and highly effective law enforcement officer with his passing; and

WHEREAS, a native of Maine, Officer David J. Scott was born on February 16, 1960; and

WHEREAS, he was a highly-regarded graduate of Edward Little High School and a former student of Norwich University; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Officer Scott enlisted in the United States Army joining the First Ranger Battalion; he was stationed with the Special Forces Division at Fort Bragg before being transferred to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he served with the 5th Special Forces Group in A Company; and

WHEREAS, trained in sniper combat, Officer David J. Scott bravely served his country during the Gulf War as a Demolition Specialist; he received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army as a Sergeant 1st Class in 1995; and

WHEREAS, a man of great character who evidenced great commitment to his fellow citizens, he joined the Clarksville Police Department in December of 1995; one-year prior to his enlistment in the Police Department, he had served with distinction as a Reserve Deputy in the Montgomery County, Tennessee Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Scott tirelessly and skillfully served the citizens of Clarksville as a Police Officer for nearly seven years and was a vital member of the Tactical Unit; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed and accomplished officer, Officer David J. Scott also astutely served his fellow officers as a Field Training Officer; and

WHEREAS, throughout the course of his career, he earned the admiration of his superior officers, his peers, and the people he protected and served for his acumen and dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, Officer Scott was deeply devoted to his family and was proud of their accomplishments; he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Officer David J. Scott will be greatly missed by his beloved wife, Trina Alethea Scott; his four daughters, Kristina, Leyla, Deidre, and Alethea; his parents, John D. Scott and Helen Malia Scott; his three sisters, Susan, Elizabeth, and Kathleen; his ten nephews; and seven nieces; and

WHEREAS, he has left behind an indelible legacy of integrity and valor in his career as a law enforcement officer, compassion and loyalty in his private life, and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, possessing a great love for his community and his work, Officer Scott carried out his duties with the greatest passion and devotion; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should join all Tennesseans in remembering the bountiful life of this courageous officer, devoted family man, and exceptional human being, who gave his life in the furtherance of public safety and welfare; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Clarksville Police Officer David J. Scott, who lost his life while serving his fellow citizens, recalling with gratitude his meritorious service in the United States Army, his distinguished tenure with the Clarksville Police Department, his uncommon valor, and his stalwart commitment to living an exemplary life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Officer Scott.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.